

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/434,770	MERKIN, CYNTHIA M.
	Examiner Matthew B Smithers	Art Unit 2137

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Matthew B Smithers. (3) _____

(2) James R. Bell. (4) _____

Date of Interview: 09 December 2004.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 21.

Identification of prior art discussed: de la Huerga (US 5,960,085).

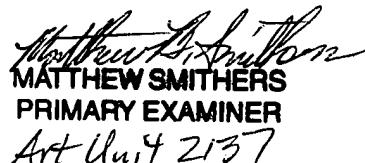
Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative discussed differences between claimed invention and the prior art of record. The examiner could not clearly identify within the claims the distinctions between the claimed invention and the prior art. Applicant's representative will address the distinctions in response to the office action.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.



MATTHEW SMITHERS
PRIMARY EXAMINER
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Examiner's signature, if required